

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document is a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) with environmental studies that support the justification for preparation of a MND for the Coscol Petroleum/ El Paso Corporation (Coscol) Marine Terminal Deconstruction and Pipeline Abandonment Project (the proposed Project). This document was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15000 et seq.).

1.1 PROJECT OBJECTIVES, PURPOSE AND NEED

The Coscol Petroleum/El Paso Corporation (Coscol), formerly Pacific Refining Company, identified the following objectives for the Project:

- Safely and economically deconstruct the Marine Terminal and appurtenant facilities;
- Abandon in place the associated submerged and buried pipelines in a 1.4-mile (7,250 feet) alignment beneath San Francisco Bay;
- Abandon in place the 160 feet of pipelines, utility conduits, and a vault¹ on the Hercules shoreline; and
- Terminate California State Lands Commission (CSLC) lease PRC 3414.1 and execute an Abandonment Agreement for the abandoned pipelines.

1.2 PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE MND

The MND is a public document to be used by the Lead Agency to determine whether the proposed Project may have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA. The following discussion identifies the ways in which the Lead Agency and any responsible agencies would use this document in the MND approval or permitting processes. The following discussion summarizes the roles of the agencies and the intended uses of the MND.

¹ The exact dimensions of the vault cannot be determined from available drawings and because the vault is covered with a concrete apron. There is an access cover approximately 1.5 by 3 feet on top of the vault. The concrete apron vault is approximately 25 feet wide and extends about 20 to 25 feet from the shoreline.

1 The CSLC is serving as the Lead Agency responsible for preparing the MND. Coscol
2 has lease PRC 3414.1 with respect to its Marine Oil Terminal (MOT) in San Pablo Bay.
3 This MND will be used by the CSLC to exercise its jurisdictional responsibilities in
4 making its decision to allow Coscol to terminate its lease for their existing MOT in
5 San Pablo Bay.

6 The proposed Project will also be approved or reviewed by a number of State, Federal
7 and/or local agencies as noted in Section 1.4, Permits, Approvals, and Regulatory
8 Requirements.

9 **1.2.1 Organization of The MND**

- 10 • Section 1.0 provides an Introduction to the Purpose and Need for the proposed
11 Project as well as the Purpose and Scope of the MND;
- 12 • Section 2.0 describes the proposed Project, its location, layout and facilities, and
13 presents an overview of its operation;
- 14 • Section 3.0 is the Initial Study which describes existing environmental conditions,
15 project-specific impacts, mitigation measures, and mandatory findings of
16 significance;
- 17 • Section 4.0 discusses Socioeconomic Effects and Environmental Justice;
- 18 • Section 5.0 presents the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP);
- 19 • Section 6.0 presents information on those who prepared the report;
- 20 • Section 7.0 lists reference materials used to prepare the report;
- 21 • Section 8.0 includes a list of acronyms used in the report;
- 22 • Appendix A contains the mailing list of those receiving copies of the MND;
- 23 • Appendix B provides the proposed Construction Work Plan;
- 24 • Appendix C provides Air Quality emissions calculations including greenhouse
25 gas emission estimates; and
- 26 • Appendix D provides Biological Resource reference information.

1.3 PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

This MND is being circulated to local and State agencies and to interested individuals who may wish to review and comment on the report. Written comments may be submitted to the CSLC during the 30-day public review period. All comments received will be considered for the proposed Project. Written comments should be sent to:

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This MND identifies the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project on the existing environment and indicates how those impacts will be mitigated or avoided. This document provides the CSLC with the information required to exercise its jurisdictional responsibilities with respect to the proposed Project, which would be considered at a separate noticed public meeting of the CSLC.

1.4 PERMITS, APPROVALS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to action by the CSLC, the proposed Project will require permits and approvals from, and/or would be subject to the regulations of, the following reviewing authorities and regulatory agencies:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS);
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS);
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE);
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG);
- Union Pacific Railroad – Access Agreement (for work within the Union Pacific Right-of-Way);
- California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG);
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC);
- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB);
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD);
- East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD);
- Contra Costa County; and
- City of Hercules.